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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: MICHAEL S. FOSTER *ET AL.*

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DEADLOCK AVOIDANCE IN A COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK

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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this Request for Continued Examination application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.